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MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ALLOCATION AND RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR MINORITY CONCENTRATION DISTRICTS
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 90 minority concentration districts have been identified on the basis of their population and backwardness parameters and budgetary provision of Rs.120 crore has been made for 2007-08 to address their 'development deficits';

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated and released to each of the 90 minorities concentration districts out of the above budgetary provision and the out of the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the welfare of the minority, District-wise;

(c) whether some funds are allocated out of the 'Education Cess' to these 90 minority concentration districts for educational purposes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (A.R. ANTULAY)

(a) to (d): Yes Sir. A provision of Rs.120 crore has been made in the annual plan 2007-08 for implementation of a multi-sectoral development programme for such minority concentration districts. A baseline survey has been commissioned for these districts to identify their 'development deficits' and this will form the basis of the multi-sectoral plan for such districts. Allocations to these districts will depend on the size of the plans approved for each district.